

**Table 8. Percents (with standard errors) of selected diseases and conditions among persons 18 years of age and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 1997**

Selected characteristic	Diabetes <sup>1</sup>	Ulcers <sup>1</sup>	Kidney disease <sup>2</sup>	Liver disease <sup>2</sup>	Arthritic symptoms <sup>2</sup>
Percent <sup>3</sup> (standard error)					
Total . . . . .	5.2 (0.14)	9.1 (0.20)	1.4 (0.07)	0.9 (0.06)	20.1 (0.26)
Sex					
Male . . . . .	4.9 (0.20)	9.5 (0.28)	1.1 (0.10)	1.0 (0.09)	18.4 (0.36)
Female . . . . .	5.5 (0.20)	8.7 (0.23)	1.8 (0.11)	0.8 (0.07)	21.6 (0.35)
Age					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.5 (0.10)	6.4 (0.21)	0.8 (0.07)	0.7 (0.06)	12.3 (0.28)
45–64 years . . . . .	7.8 (0.32)	11.5 (0.38)	1.6 (0.13)	1.3 (0.13)	25.8 (0.52)
65–74 years . . . . .	14.7 (0.74)	14.1 (0.68)	3.1 (0.42)	1.6 (0.23)	33.7 (0.92)
75 years and over . . . . .	12.0 (0.68)	14.4 (0.76)	3.6 (0.40)	0.8 (0.17)	39.9 (1.01)
Race and ethnicity <sup>4</sup>					
White non-Hispanic . . . . .	4.7 (0.15)	9.8 (0.24)	1.3 (0.08)	0.9 (0.07)	21.6 (0.31)
Black non-Hispanic . . . . .	8.4 (0.52)	8.4 (0.48)	2.1 (0.24)	0.8 (0.14)	18.4 (0.72)
Other non-Hispanic . . . . .	4.5 (0.64)	6.4 (0.85)	1.0 (0.28)	*0.9 (0.29)	12.0 (1.05)
Hispanic . . . . .	5.8 (0.45)	5.8 (0.38)	2.0 (0.33)	1.0 (0.15)	13.4 (0.61)
Poverty status <sup>5</sup>					
Poor . . . . .	7.6 (0.46)	11.0 (0.54)	3.5 (0.30)	2.0 (0.23)	24.7 (0.79)
Near poor . . . . .	6.9 (0.37)	11.0 (0.48)	2.4 (0.23)	1.3 (0.17)	23.9 (0.66)
Not poor . . . . .	4.0 (0.17)	8.8 (0.26)	0.8 (0.08)	0.7 (0.07)	19.1 (0.34)
Region					
Northeast . . . . .	5.6 (0.30)	7.1 (0.34)	1.0 (0.12)	0.8 (0.13)	19.3 (0.59)
Midwest . . . . .	4.8 (0.27)	9.2 (0.42)	1.2 (0.12)	0.9 (0.10)	20.7 (0.51)
South . . . . .	5.8 (0.27)	10.5 (0.38)	2.0 (0.15)	1.0 (0.10)	20.2 (0.48)
West . . . . .	4.4 (0.29)	8.5 (0.35)	1.3 (0.19)	1.0 (0.13)	19.9 (0.52)
Sex and age					
Male:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.5 (0.15)	6.1 (0.30)	0.7 (0.10)	0.8 (0.10)	12.6 (0.42)
45–64 years . . . . .	7.7 (0.47)	12.7 (0.56)	1.4 (0.18)	1.6 (0.21)	22.9 (0.73)
65 years and over . . . . .	13.3 (0.82)	16.8 (0.87)	2.4 (0.33)	1.1 (0.22)	32.3 (1.02)
Female:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.6 (0.14)	6.6 (0.28)	1.0 (0.10)	0.5 (0.08)	12.0 (0.36)
45–64 years . . . . .	7.8 (0.41)	10.3 (0.46)	1.8 (0.19)	1.0 (0.15)	28.6 (0.72)
65 years and over . . . . .	13.7 (0.66)	12.3 (0.58)	3.9 (0.42)	1.4 (0.20)	39.4 (0.87)
Race, ethnicity and age					
White non-Hispanic:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.4 (0.13)	7.1 (0.27)	0.7 (0.08)	0.6 (0.08)	13.6 (0.34)
45–64 years . . . . .	6.2 (0.35)	11.6 (0.44)	1.3 (0.14)	1.3 (0.15)	26.4 (0.62)
65 years and over . . . . .	11.9 (0.50)	14.4 (0.59)	2.9 (0.27)	1.2 (0.16)	36.6 (0.74)
Black non-Hispanic:					
18–44 years . . . . .	2.6 (0.35)	5.8 (0.51)	1.1 (0.26)	*0.4 (0.14)	10.4 (0.70)
45–64 years . . . . .	15.5 (1.19)	13.1 (1.12)	3.3 (0.55)	1.3 (0.34)	28.6 (1.44)
65 years and over . . . . .	24.2 (2.12)	12.3 (1.32)	4.6 (1.00)	*1.6 (0.49)	39.0 (2.05)
Other non-Hispanic:					
18–44 years . . . . .	*1.0 (0.37)	3.7 (0.74)	*0.5 (0.20)	*0.9 (0.38)	8.4 (1.17)
45–64 years . . . . .	9.4 (1.78)	10.3 (2.12)	*1.7 (0.68)	*0.8 (0.51)	15.5 (2.29)
65 years and over . . . . .	16.5 (4.05)	14.9 (4.04)	*2.4 (1.97)	*0.9 (0.64)	29.3 (4.94)
Hispanic:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.6 (0.23)	4.1 (0.39)	1.3 (0.19)	0.8 (0.15)	8.6 (0.53)
45–64 years . . . . .	12.7 (1.30)	8.4 (0.96)	2.4 (0.48)	1.4 (0.29)	21.4 (1.40)
65 years and over . . . . .	22.9 (3.12)	13.4 (1.91)	*7.1 (3.15)	*2.3 (1.06)	32.7 (3.07)
Race, ethnicity, sex, and age					
White non-Hispanic male:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.3 (0.17)	6.8 (0.37)	0.5 (0.10)	0.8 (0.13)	14.4 (0.51)
45–64 years . . . . .	6.4 (0.49)	12.8 (0.68)	1.1 (0.19)	1.5 (0.25)	23.6 (0.86)
65 years and over . . . . .	12.0 (0.84)	16.9 (0.97)	2.0 (0.34)	1.1 (0.25)	32.8 (1.11)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Percents (with standard errors) of selected diseases and conditions among persons 18 years of age and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 1997—Con.**

Selected characteristic	Diabetes <sup>1</sup>	Ulcers <sup>1</sup>	Kidney disease <sup>2</sup>	Liver disease <sup>2</sup>	Arthritic symptoms <sup>2</sup>
Percent <sup>3</sup> (standard error)					
Race, ethnicity, sex, and age—Con.					
White non-Hispanic female:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.4 (0.17)	7.4 (0.36)	0.9 (0.12)	0.5 (0.09)	12.8 (0.45)
45–64 years . . . . .	6.1 (0.43)	10.5 (0.53)	1.5 (0.21)	1.1 (0.18)	29.1 (0.85)
65 years and over . . . . .	11.8 (0.66)	12.6 (0.64)	3.6 (0.36)	1.2 (0.20)	39.3 (0.94)
Black non-Hispanic male:					
18–44 years . . . . .	2.6 (0.60)	6.2 (0.76)	*1.5 (0.48)	*0.3 (0.12)	9.0 (1.02)
45–64 years . . . . .	14.9 (1.91)	15.4 (1.91)	2.9 (0.81)	2.5 (0.71)	23.9 (2.17)
65 years and over . . . . .	21.9 (3.69)	16.8 (2.43)	*3.9 (1.58)	*1.1 (0.57)	34.2 (3.48)
Black non-Hispanic female:					
18–44 years . . . . .	2.6 (0.48)	5.6 (0.60)	*0.7 (0.22)	*0.6 (0.23)	11.7 (0.87)
45–64 years . . . . .	15.9 (1.54)	11.3 (1.26)	3.6 (0.74)	*0.4 (0.22)	32.3 (1.77)
65 years and over . . . . .	25.7 (2.34)	9.4 (1.37)	5.1 (1.14)	*2.0 (0.72)	42.0 (2.45)
Hispanic male:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.6 (0.38)	3.6 (0.55)	0.8 (0.23)	1.1 (0.26)	8.4 (0.81)
45–64 years . . . . .	13.5 (2.27)	7.1 (1.27)	*2.1 (0.64)	*1.1 (0.40)	17.9 (2.07)
65 years and over . . . . .	20.6 (3.34)	12.9 (2.64)	*6.0 (2.39)	*1.1 (0.85)	20.5 (3.32)
Hispanic female:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.7 (0.28)	4.7 (0.49)	1.8 (0.29)	*0.5 (0.14)	8.8 (0.65)
45–64 years . . . . .	11.9 (1.29)	9.6 (1.39)	2.7 (0.62)	1.6 (0.43)	24.6 (1.91)
65 years and over . . . . .	24.5 (4.81)	13.7 (2.67)	*7.9 (5.13)	*3.1 (1.71)	41.7 (4.41)
Poverty status and age					
Poor:					
18–44 years . . . . .	2.4 (0.34)	7.8 (0.57)	1.8 (0.29)	1.3 (0.24)	15.6 (0.79)
45–64 years . . . . .	16.3 (1.39)	18.8 (1.37)	5.8 (0.88)	3.5 (0.56)	40.8 (1.80)
65 years and over . . . . .	18.3 (1.63)	14.4 (1.52)	7.8 (1.18)	3.0 (0.81)	43.6 (2.00)
Near poor:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.9 (0.28)	7.5 (0.52)	1.3 (0.23)	0.8 (0.17)	14.4 (0.76)
45–64 years . . . . .	12.5 (1.18)	14.3 (1.26)	3.5 (0.58)	2.5 (0.60)	33.4 (1.61)
65 years and over . . . . .	15.3 (1.02)	17.2 (1.08)	4.4 (0.60)	1.7 (0.32)	40.0 (1.33)
Not poor:					
18–44 years . . . . .	1.2 (0.12)	6.2 (0.29)	0.5 (0.07)	0.5 (0.07)	12.1 (0.37)
45–64 years . . . . .	5.8 (0.35)	11.2 (0.49)	0.8 (0.13)	1.0 (0.15)	24.8 (0.66)
65 years and over . . . . .	11.7 (0.80)	14.6 (0.81)	2.2 (0.45)	0.9 (0.19)	35.7 (1.07)

\* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

<sup>1</sup>In separate questions, respondents were asked if they had ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that they had an ulcer (including a stomach, duodenal, or peptic ulcer), or diabetes (or sugar diabetes; female respondents were instructed to exclude pregnancy-related diabetes). Persons who said they had borderline diabetes were considered unknown with respect to diabetes. Persons may be represented in more than one column.

<sup>2</sup>In separate questions, respondents were asked if they had been told in the last 12 months by a doctor or other health professional that they had weak or failing kidneys (excluding kidney stones, bladder infections, or incontinence), or any kind of liver condition, or pain, aching, stiffness, or swelling in or around a joint.

<sup>3</sup>Unknowns for the variable of interest are not included in the denominators when calculating percents.

<sup>4</sup>“Other non-Hispanic” includes non-Hispanic persons who identified their race as American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander. These categories are too small to show separately. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>5</sup>Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau’s poverty thresholds. “Poor” persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. “Near poor” persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. “Not poor” persons have incomes 200% or greater than the poverty threshold.